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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

In re Application of : Customer No.: 20277
Tetsuji KISHI : Confirmation No.: 5220
Serial No.: 09/677,821 : Group Art Unit: 2676
Filed: October 03, 2000 : Examiner: Tam D TRAN
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DRAWING LINES

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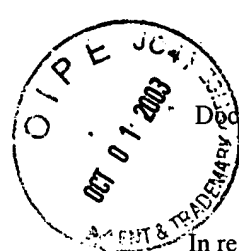
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated July 1, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 1, 2003, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks:



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.



No additional fee is required.



Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27



Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	15	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	4	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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